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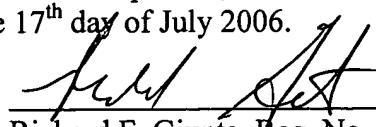
Applicant: Steven M. Blumenau et al.  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING DATA  
MANAGEMENT FOR A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED  
TO A NETWORK

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this amendment.